

Astwick Vale Pews News 8th December 2024

Advent 2



SERVICES FOR 8th DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent

**10.00am, Aynho, Morning
Worship**

**11.00am, Croughton, Holy
Communion**

**9.15am, Evenley, Holy
Communion**

**5.30pm, Farthinghoe, Carol
Service**

**11.00am, Hinton, Morning
Prayer**

Colour purple

Advent 2 – the Prophets

**Today we think about the
prophets**

**Jesus said, 'Do not think that I
have come to abolish the law
and the prophets: I have not**

**come to abolish them but to fulfil
them.'**

Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first and second candle is lit

Jesus is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can ever put
out.**

Advent candles tell their story

as we watch and pray,

longing for the Day of Glory,

'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.

Pain and sorrow,

tears and sadness

changed for gladness,

on that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,

making pathways clear;

glimpsing glory, self-denying,

calling all to hear.

Through their message -

challenged, shaken –

hearts awaken: God is near!

Amen

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Readings

Malachi 3:1-4,

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane
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Advent – a time of preparation

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES FOR 15th DECEMBER

3rd Sunday of Advent

4.30pm, Croughton, Carol Service

10.30am, Farthinghoe, Benefice Holy Communion

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## **PRAYERS**

We pray for all who live or work within the parishes of our Benefice, and for those known to us who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, at home or in hospital and who need God's loving touch at this time. --Among them are -

- Paula, Pip & Katie, Douglas, Jackie, Suzanne, Norman, Bruce, Tony, Peter, Dawn, Janet.
- For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.
- For Hester Witt & family as they prepare for the funeral of Josceline Hebblethwaite (late of Evenley), taking place at 12.30 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St George's, Evenley
- For May Leng & family as they prepare for the funeral of Phil Barker on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm, Banbury

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- For Mo and family with the loss of Alan at this extremely sad time .
  - **Holly** as she continues to be monitored. Thank you so much for your prayers.
  - Wendy & Jeremy
  - For HM King Charles III & all members of the Royal family, **especially for HM Queen Camilla**. For the staff & the many volunteers of Katherine House Hospice who provide specialist palliative care for adults with life limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire, South Northamptonshire & South Warwickshire.
- Our churches are always open for private prayer; all are welcome. - (Croughton - by appointment only)**



### A prayer for the world

Father God, we pray for our world today.

We pray for everlasting peace and hope to abound.

Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires.

Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis.

O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Dates for December

**6th Farthinghoe, 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – including mince pies, all welcome**

**(Please note this is the first Friday of the month )**

**8<sup>th</sup>, Farthinghoe, 5.30pm, Carol Service**

**10th Evenley 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu plus mince pies - everyone welcome.**

**15<sup>th</sup>, Croughton, 4.30pm, Carol Service**

**15<sup>th</sup>, Hinton, 5pm, Carol Service**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Aynho - The Carol Service – with Children's Nativity – will be on Saturday 21st December at 4pm.**

**22<sup>nd</sup>, Evenley 5.30pm, Carol Service**

**24th, Croughton 10.00pm, Midnight Communion**

**24<sup>th</sup>, Evenley, 11.30pm Midnight Communion**

*Have a look at our Benefice website.*

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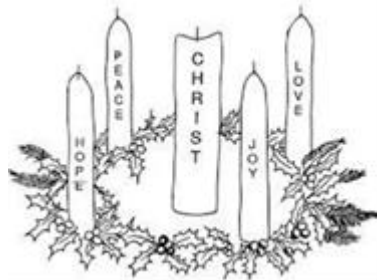
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### **And Finally**

*ON 8<sup>th</sup> December 1980, John Lennon, a former Beatle, was shot and killed outside of his New York City apartment building. Lennon was 40 years old.*

### **A quote of John Lennon**

*I'm not claiming divinity. I've never claimed purity of soul. I've never claimed to have the answers to life. I only put out songs and answer questions as honestly as I can... But I still believe in peace, love and understanding.*



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